

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and for confirming the receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents filed August 31, 2001.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for initialing the references listed on form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 31, 2001.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-5 and 11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement and claims 13 and 15 are objected to as allegedly being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicants amend claims 1-5 and 11 to recite a "secondary battery" and cancel claims 13 and 15. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5 and 11 are currently in condition for allowance in view of the amendments noted above.

Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Mount et al.

Contrary to the assertion of the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit that Mount et al. fail to disclose or suggest a charge storage device with an active material comprising a trimer compound, according to the present claims. Instead, Mount et al. merely disclose the

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electrochemical behavior of indole trimer films. While Mount et al. may mention using indole trimer for biosensors and biomediation, it does not teach or suggest a charge storage device with a trimer compound. Therefore, Mount et al. do not anticipate claims 1-3 or 5 or render them prima facie obvious and Applicants request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If for any reason fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

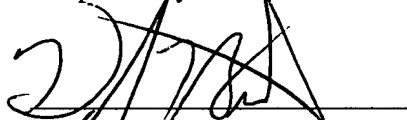
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